

Remarks

Independent claim 5, and its dependent claim 8 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e). However, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 - 4, and 9 - 15 were allowable, and that claims 6 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 5 to include the subject matter of claim 6, canceled claim 6, and made claim 7 dependent on claim 5. Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request action to that end.

No fee is believed due for this submission. However, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to debit any required fee from Deposit Account No. 501593, in the name of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. The Commissioner is further authorized to debit any additional amount required, and to credit any overpayment to the above-noted deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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